

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0010] Although the shape of the shoulder portion is of frustoconical shape in which the ~~diameter is extends~~ diameter extends from a mouth portion toward the trunk portion in many cases, a part positioned above the concave region of the bottle main body is deformed and thereby inclined in a direction where the concave region exists, i.e., toward the rear side of the bottle, when a load is applied to the bottle from above, and a stress concentration occurs at the center of the rear surface of the shoulder portion in particular, thereby generating buckling.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0014] Further, since a rear surface panel of the plurality of panels is arranged so that the right/left center axis of this panel is positioned at the center of the rear surface of the bottle main body, the center of the rear surface of the bottle main body where stress concentration occurs by the load is positioned at the center portion of a pair of right and left vertical edge lines in this rear panel, and the stresses ~~are that~~ are thus dispersed toward the right and left vertical edge lines, thereby realizing an improved buckling strength.

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0035] A bottle according to an embodiment depicted in FIGS. 1 and 2a, 2b comprises a bottle main body 1 in the form of a biaxial-stretch-blow-molded product which is large in size (not less than 1 liter) and formed of polyethylene terephthalate resin. A grip 10, located below a mouth 7 of the bottle main body 1, in the form of an injection-molded piece of synthetic resin is assembled and fixed by an insert-molding means, to a concave region 3 formed at a rear part of a trunk portion 2 having a substantially cylindrical shape with a ~~bottom in~~ bottom 9 in the bottle main body 1.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0043] Each panel 31 has a center ~~portion formed~~ portion 36 formed as a protrusion having a convex shape gradually bulging toward the outside of the bottle main body 1. FIG. 4 shows a state of the projection portion at the right/left center axis of the rear surface center panel 31c, by way of example. In this embodiment, the height H of the protrusion is determined as 1 mm (see FIG. 4).